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Intimations.

Battleships or Armies.

Commander Fiske of the U.S. Navy, in the course of a recently published lecture, holds that battleships are more powerful than armies. In fact, he writes, it may safely be stated that, while the main principles of strategy apply to military operations on land and sea, the conditions which govern tactics on both the land and the sea are more apparent by their absence than by their presence. On land an army of 100,000 infantry carries 100,000 rifles. If these 100,000 rifles were all fired simultaneously the combined energy of the bullets at the muzzle would be equal to only 7 per cent. more than the energy of two 12-inch guns in one battleship, and if the total energy of these 100,000 men could be concentrated it would not be more than 25,000 horse-power. The 100,000 men would weigh about 7,200 tons, about half the weight of one huge battleship.

But the five of 100,000 men cannot be concentrated, and neither can their energy in horse-power, nor their weight. Furthermore, the energy of the bullets falls to zero at about 4,000 yards away. So the statement would be correct that a battleship has more effective power, by far, than 100,000 infantry. As to defensive power, an army has almost none, whereas a battleship has armour which gives it a defensive power on a par with its offensive power. Therefore we are warranted in saying that, by reason of its inherent design, a battleship is a much more powerful thing than an army of 100,000 infantry. This does not mean that a battleship could do on land what 100,000 infantry can; but it does mean that, on its element, the sea, it is a more powerful thing than an army of 100,000 infantry is on its element, the land. Furthermore 100,000 men cannot march 240 miles a day; but a battleship can go 240 miles a day with ease.

In this comparison no inclusion has been made, thus far, of the artillery and cavalry of an army, and it is evident that a fair comparison between the powers of an army and a ship would not be possible without considering the army's artillery and cavalry. Let it be supposed, then, that the infantry of 100,000 men is accompanied by artillery in the ratio of 5 guns to every 1,000 men, that is 500 guns; and, say, 17,000 cavalry, a not unusual proportion. The power of the 500 guns, each throwing, say, a 14-pound shell, would aggregate, if fired simultaneously, and concentrated on a near target, the fire of eight 12-inch guns; and the cavalry of 17,000 could fire, if dismounted, 17,000 rifles, less in energy than five 6-inch guns; and the energy of the 17,000 horses, if concentrated, would be equal to 17,000 horse-power.

Now, the 500 guns would need at least 6,000 men besides horses. So the army would number 100,000 infantry, at least 6,000 artillery with 500 guns, and 17,000 cavalry; at least 123,000 men; and their fire at the muzzle would equal only about ten 12-inch guns and five 6-inch guns. Such an army is commanded by a general; the ship will be commanded by a captain.

No mention is here made of coast artillery, and for two reasons. One reason is that the coast artillery does not accompany an army, and the other is that while in some countries the coast artillery is part of the army, in others it is part of the navy; and in other countries, like France, part is under the army and part under the navy. Therefore coast artillery cannot be considered as belonging to an army rather than to a navy.

Doubtless it will be objected that it is not reasonable to compare armies and fleets by the standard of the muzzle energy of the projectiles and the horse-power of the men and ships. This, of course, is true; but the purpose of the last paragraph was not to make a comparison, but, on the contrary, to point out a difference. At the same time, it is well to note that the sole

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Hongkong, November 15, 1907. 1894

Geo. P. LAMMERT
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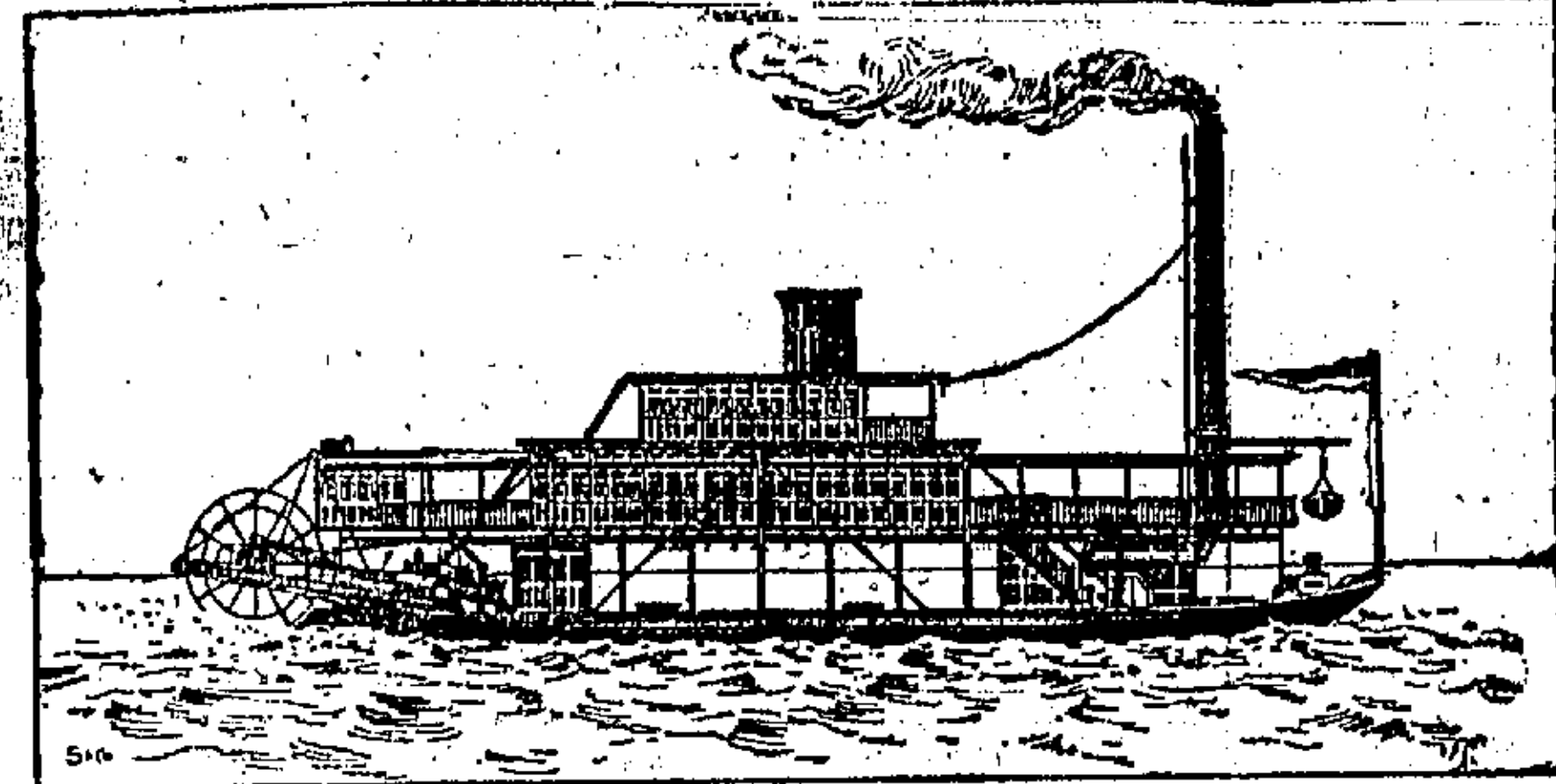
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BIRTH.
GORTZ.—On 28th November, at Berlin,
the wife of Mr. E. Gortz, of a Daughter.

MEMOS FOR MONDAY.
Auction.

3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at the
Public Works Department's Office.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, December 3.—
10 a.m.—Auction of Naval & Victualling
Stores, at H. M. Naval Yard.
5.30 p.m.—Organ Recital in St. John's
Cathedral.
Goods per *Erroll* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.
Goods per *Towane* undelivered after this
date at Noon will be subject to rent
and landing charges.

WEDNESDAY, December 4.—
Goods per *Wipon* undelivered after
noon on this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Delta* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, December 5.—
Noon—Auction of British & Wing Hang
at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Room.

SATURDAY, December 7.—
Boxing at City Hall.

TUESDAY, December 12.—
9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

WEDNESDAY, December 18.—
3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Property,
at Messrs Hughes & Hough's Sales
Rooms.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1907.

THE NEW DUMA.

Opportunity lies within the grasp
of the new, the third, Duma. Will it
be grasped? Its predecessors, instead
of making haste slowly sought to
achieve everything at once. The in-
evitable result followed, they achieved
nothing. Such a chaotic condition of
affairs prevails in Russia that the task
of restoring order is stupendous and can
only be accomplished piecemeal. It is
beyond the power of man or institution
to solve all the problems awaiting solu-
tion without long and painstaking labour.
The first two Dumas did not recognise
this. They had a shadowy kind of
idea that all the ills with which
their unhappy country was afflicted
would disappear if they were
left free to legislate as they desired.
Those who have had practical experience
of the limitations under which all legis-
latures labour knew that this ambition
could never be realised but that know-
ledge, unfortunately, did not come to the
members of the first two Dumas in time.
The third is at all events making an
auspicious commencement. To co-operate
with the Czar, who seems genuinely
anxious to rule constitutionally, is ob-
viously much wiser than setting to work
on the thesis that loyalty to the sover-
eign and the country are two distinct
and incompatible things. By working
with the Czar the Duma may accomplish
much. By working against him it would
only be inviting the fate which overtook
its predecessors. It is gratifying to find
that the Duma has decided to recognise
that, under the new constitution, the
Czar is still the head of the nation and
that to him is due proper respect. (No
doubt the majority of the Russian people
are better satisfied that the representa-
tive body and the ruler are on amicable
terms. Unless something unforeseen
intervenes the present Duma should do
good work. Not being perpetually afraid
of being summarily unseated out of exis-
tence it will be able to give undivided
attention to the grave problems which
call insistently for attention. Possibly
very little good will be accomplished at
first but when once the work of reform
is fairly started progress will be more
rapid. Russia is such a gigantic coun-
try that the task of the legislature is no
sinecure. But no political task is im-
possible of accomplishment if it is
tackled in the right way and in the
right spirit. That the Duma intends
to adopt proper methods is shown by
the loyal address to the Czar. After
settling at rest any fears that the
sovereign might, from past experience,
be supposed to entertain they will con-
fidently commence the patriotic work
with which they have been entrusted.
All lovers of liberty will wish them
success.

Balls would be a much more praise-
worthy institution if there were no "day
after." It is the day after which robs
life of more than half its enjoyment.
Functions such as last night's ball are
so thoroughly enjoyable that it is a
decided trial to face the stern realities
of existence when the last strains of the
band have hardly died away. It is the
contrast between what has just been
and what is that is so cruel. But there
is, fortunately, another way of looking
at it. The ball comes as a pleasant
break in the monotony of every-day life;
as a purple patch as one of the latter
day novelists is fond of putting it.
Considered from this standpoint the day
before and the day after do not bulk so
large. Sufficient for the night is the
enjoyment thereof. We cannot eat our
cake and have it and a realization of
that fact goes far towards achieving the
philosophical frame of mind which takes
the day after simply as a matter of
course.

The Hongkong public—or many of
them—have good reason to know that
to-day is the anniversary of the feast of
St. Andrew, but we mention the fact
with all deference merely to satisfy the
thirst for knowledge exhibited by a lady
at the ball last night, which thirst, we
regret to say, went unsatisfied. She
impartially tackled about half a dozen
gentlemen wearing Gordon tartan, an
accent—is it an accent?—and St.
Andrew's crosses, to know who St.
Andrew was and why the Scot particu-
larly jubilant on his account. Not one
could give any reply. Most of them
hummed and hawed and looked at the
ceiling—and ultimately suggested that
it was a fine night—or something equally
banal. The gentle lady had plumbed
the depths of knowledge—utterly
plumbed them. Well, there are many
like her who know not the why and the
wherefore of a St. Andrew's Day, and
not least amongst the ignorant are
Scots themselves. As a fact few Scots
know that St. Andrew is the patron
saint of their country until they have
left their country—which most seem to
do. In Scotland St. Andrew's Day is,
like the kilt and the haggis, seldom or
never heard of, but when the Scot
enters a foreign land he discovers that
he has a Saint, that kilts are worn, and
that there is such a thing as haggis.
Generally he primarily murmurs "what
in thunder is haggis?" but in the
ultimate he eats the concoction and the
sheep's head with its "feck o' fine
promiscuous feedin'" with exceeding
 gusto, as, in fact, "unto the manner
born." And yet that self-same betan-
tered "Scot" knoweth not the history of
St. Andrew. Readers of the Bible
know, of course, that St. Andrew was
the son of Jonas, a fisherman of Beth-
saida, in Galilee, and was the brother of
Simon Peter. There is no need to here
trace St. Andrew through his life as
depicted in the Scriptures. Suffice it
to say that whilst on a Mission in
Asiaic and European Scythia he was,
at the city of Patra, about 70
A.D., seized by the Roman pro-
consul, scourged and then crucified.
The latter punishment he underwent
in a peculiar manner, being fastened by
cords, instead of nails, to the cross,
to produce a lingering death by hunger
and thirst; whilst the instrument of
punishment itself, instead of being
T-shaped, was in the form of an X,
or what is termed a cross decussate. A
Christian lady of rank, named Maximela,
caused the body of St. Andrew to be
embalmed and honourably interred; and
in the earlier part of the fourth century
it was removed by the Emperor Constans
to Byzantium, or Constantinople.
Where it was deposited in a Church erected
in honour of the Twelve Apostles. About
thirty years after the death of Constans,
in 368 A.D., a pious Greek monk,
Regulus, or Rube, conveyed the remains
of St. Andrew to Scotland, and there
deposited them on the Eastern coast of
Fife, where he built a church, and where
afterwards arose the renowned city and
cathedral of St. Andrew. Whatever
credit may be given to this legend, it is
certain that St. Andrew has been re-
garded, from time immemorial, as the
patron Saint of Scotland; and his day,
November 30, is made a favourite oc-
casion of social and national reunion
amid Scotsmen residing out of their
own country. Why it should be social
instead of religious is not shown, but no
doubt it has degenerated with the ages.
The main responsible for the "banged
saxophone" legend would no doubt
regard life too seriously if religion had
to take the place of the real and the
"whusky 'ot," and St. Andrew's Day
is much better as it is. Hongkong is
the merrier for it, and may there be
many more of them, but it is to be
hoped that all the Scots will prime
themselves up in the history of the
Saint for future reference.

POLICING THE WEST RIVER.

British Flotilla to Proceed.

The first steps to be taken in connection
with the actual policing of the West River
by Great Britain will be taken next week
when a flotilla of torpedo boats, torpedo
boat destroyers and a gunboat or two will
sail up the river to show the pirates and
the peaceful natives the White Ensign,
and incidentally warn the rogues that swift
and summary vengeance awaits them and
assure the peaceful traders that protection
will be accorded them so far as is humanly
possible.

The flotilla leaves Hongkong on Monday
next and will cruise about the river for
three weeks, visiting the various trading
ports and smaller villages.

The sight of this armed force on the
waters should give the piratical element
pause, but whether they will decide to
abandon their calling or meet power with
cunning remains to be seen.

A TIGER AT CA TYLE PEAK.

A Chance for Sportsmen.

Just now some alleged "sportsmen"
are endeavouring to induce others to
assemble and blow the life out of a
poor unfortunate leopard which they
propose to let loose on a barren islet
a few yards square which affords little
cover, or certain lingering death, if the
unfortunate beast manages to find some
place to hide and escape sudden
death from the numerous guns that
will probably be brought to bear against
it. Getting a beast at bay and assailing it
from safety with numerous guns is not
sport as the Briton knows it.

The man who wants to pit himself
against the animal and slaughter it under
the guise of sport should go into the
wilds and tackle the beast in its own
country. Men who are game to do this
are the only ones who can lay claim
to the title of sportsmen, and for such
there is an opening near Castle Peak.
A tiger has been roaming about the
farm there picking up the occasional pig,
and the other day it carried off a cow.
Now the farm people want to draw the
line, and the true sportsman, who would
have too much pride to corner a leopard on
a small barren islet and pump lead into it
from the shelter of a launch, is welcome to
avail himself of a hunt in earnest. The
Peak Farm people are certain that a tiger
is about there. The thing is where?

SPORTING.

Yachting.

This afternoon the yachts of the Royal
Hongkong Yacht Club raced for a cup
presented by the CHINA MAIL. The
course was from Police Pier, Kowloon
round the rock to the South-west of
Kauichau. The race had not finished
when we went to press.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard
has accepted the Honorary Colony of
the Hongkong Volunteer corps.

The announcement is made that Mr Jean
Millet is now in charge of the local office
of the Messageries Maritimes vice Mr de
Champoux.

Lottery tickets—or advertisements
concerning same—are prohibited from
passing through the Hongkong post—
"Government Gazette."

Coming down the China coast on her
way back from Salina Cruz the steamer
Glencoe (Captain Rafferty) passed two
junks, bottom up, off Tongmi Point.
There was rough weather and a high
sea.

The second steamer for the Volunteer
fleet now being organised by the Japan
Imperial Marine Society has been ordered
to be constructed at the Mitsui Bishi Yard,
Nagasaki. His Imperial Highness Prince
Arisu, President of the Society, has
chosen "Umegaka" as the name for the
new vessel.

In connection with the Bazaar to be
held in aid of the funds of the Union
Church Mr Grimbale has been able to
obtain a company of geishas (professional
dancers of Japan) who will portray by
"poetry of motion" their Japanese dances
in costume, with characteristic accompani-
ment. This is certainly an innovation of
the right kind for a Hongkong audience.

All human history attests that happi-
ness for man—the hungry sinner—
Since Eve ate apples, much depends on
dinner.—BYRON.

The average woman loves a man—asido
from his love for her—for his physical
strength and his stoop-truth telling. The
first is attractive to her because she has it
not; far be it from man to say why the
second attracts.—"Paul Leicester Ford."

CHAMBERLAIN'S COLIC, CHOLERA
DIARRHOEA REMEDY.

THERE is probably no medicine made
that is relied upon with more implicit
confidence than Chamberlain's Colic, Chol-
era and Diarrhoea Remedy. During the
third of a century in which it has been in
use, people have learned that it is the only
remedy that never fails. When reduced
with water and sweetened it is pleasant to
take. For sale by all chemists and store-
keepers.

HOME FOOTBALL.

An interesting article by Mr. E. H. D.
Sawell, the well-known sporting critic, on
the New Zealand Professional Rugby team,
now playing in England, will be published
on Monday. The writer has some interest-
ing comment on the Northern Union game,
and compares it with Rugby.

GAS FOR CANTON.

A Company is being formed in Canton
with a view to arranging that some parts
of the city be lighted with gas. What
progress has been made is not very ap-
parent; on the other hand there has been
some petitioning between the promoters of
this scheme and the Board of Agriculture.
There is no reason, probably, in the nature
of things, why Canton should not have gas
as well as Hongkong. Indeed if this
project should lead to the opening up of
the mines in Kwangtung, then nothing
whatever need stand in the way of carrying
out the idea. Meanwhile there is the
usual palaver between the parties con-
cerned.

POVERTY IN SOUTH CHINA.

Caused by Floods.

On every hand, at least from several
quarters, there are petitions coming in to
the Viceroy requesting that some assistance
be sent to the people who are suffering
from the devastations of the recent unusual
floods. There is a pitiable tale sent in
from the district of Ngai Chau, but the
appeal has come from some of the gentry
and not from the official magistrate.
Therefore the Viceroy, whilst expressing
some words of sympathy, because the
official has not sent word and appealed for
assistance, cannot do anything until that
worthy has examined and sent in his
report. The Viceroy has ordered the
magistrate to look into the matter. The
statements of the gentry are suggestive
of much sorrow and distress among the
people.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CANTON LEPROS.

(To the Editor of the CHINA MAIL.)
Sir.—I have returned to Canton after
a furlough in the United States and have
resumed charge of the work among the
lepers. I am deeply grateful to all the
friends who have assisted the Rev. Mr.
McNeur in carrying on the work in my
absence. Mr. McNeur reports that with
the contributions received he was able last
winter to distribute rice to 650 lepers for
three months. He also states, "I have
also got some splendid bundles of clothing
through Rev. C. H. Hickling of Hongkong,
and in addition have bought 80 padded
garments."

Conditions in the leper village continue
about the same as in the past. There is
much suffering. Food and clothing are
much needed. I trust that the response
to this appeal will be as hearty and as
generous as in past years. No class of
sufferers needs help and sympathy more
than the lepers. They are outcasts from
home and friends, half starved and with
hardly clothes enough to cover their
nakedness and unwelcome beggars where-
ever they appear. Let us help them if we
can.

Contributions may be sent to the CHINA
MAIL, or to the undersigned—Yours, etc.,
ANDREW BEATTIE, Canton.
Canton, November 28th, 1907.

THE LIEMCHAU TROUBLES.

A New General Appointed.

The reports that are to hand from the
scene of trouble have been rather unset-
tling, and, as we have before pointed out,
things are not any more satisfactory for the
Government than could be wished. That
such is really the case appears true from
the fact that a few days ago a new general,
one Chui, was ordered to take the supreme
command of the troops. This officer has
apparently been appointed from Peking.
At any rate his appointment has been
sanctioned directly from headquarters. He
has issued his manifesto, and seems to
intend to have things well under control.
For, in the proclamation he has issued all
the other officers are told to make him
acquainted with whatever happens, and
not to take anything into their own hands,
that seems of the least importance.

STEEL RAILS TRADE.

Japanese Orders for America.

A Pittsburg dispatch, dated the 25th
ultimo, reads:—"Word reached the
Carnegie mills this afternoon that the sales
department at New York had closed a
contract with the Imperial Railway of
Japan for 15,000 tons of standard steel
rails, to be delivered as soon as possible.
Work will be begun on the order to-
morrow morning at the Edgar Thomson
plant here. The rails are to be of
seventy-two to ninety pounds in weight
and delivered at Yokohama. The price is
\$30 a ton. The steel company expects to
get another order for 20,000 tons from the
Japanese, but much depends on the speedy
delivery of the order now in hand."

A FOLLOWER OF INFLUENZA.

MANY persons find themselves affected
with a persistent cough after an
attack of influenza. As this cough can be
promptly cured by the use of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy it should not be
allowed to run on until it becomes trouble-
some. For sale by all chemists and store-
keepers.

BY TELEGRAPH.

MOROCCO.

Attack at Babelassa.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter,
via Bombay.)
LONDON, November 30.
Six thousand Moors attacked a
French post at Babelassa on Tuesday.
A fierce engagement followed but,
after six hours' fighting, the Moors
were repulsed.

The French lost twelve men, in-
cluding a Lieutenant.

Reinforcements are hurrying to
strengthen the French force.

GERMANY'S NAVY.

A Large Increase.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter,
via Bombay.)
LONDON, November 30.
In explaining the Navy Bill to the
members of the Reichstag, Admiral
von Tirpitz, Minister for the Navy,
said that it was intended that the
German fleet should be maintained on
as high a level as other nations.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE FRENCH NAVY.

LONDON, November 28.
The report on the Naval Estimates
laments and says that sailors, engineers,
gunners, and administrators are animat-
ed by a most regrettable hostility.
The navy has already fallen to the
third rank, and there is danger of its
lapsing to the fourth.

NATAL.

LONDON, November 28.
All the available police have been
drafted to Zululand, Dinizulu being
suspected of duplicity.
The Commandant of the Militia is
ready to take the field.

THE UNITED STATES
PRESIDENCY.

LONDON, November 28.
Mr Bryan, in a speech at Washington,
said that if he should be nominated for
the Presidency he would champion the
re-adjustment of the tariff on behalf
of the poor; would impose an income tax,
and adopt arbitration in labour dis-
putes.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

LONDON, November 28.
Mr Cortelyou announces that the
subscription list for Treasury certificates
is closed, and that in view of the
decided improvement in business it is
probable that no further allotments will
be made.

THE AMERICAN NAVY.

Large Building Programme.
It now seems certain that Congress will
sanction an exceptionally large naval
programme for the American navy in the
year 1909. Three or four battleships of
the Delaware type are mentioned, with
fast cruisers and destroyers in addition.
Admiral Coghlan, however, has been
calling for the construction of 20 Delawares
in the immediate future, at a cost which he
estimated at \$20,000,000. In view of the
friction with Japan, he holds that the
American navy must become the most
powerful fleet in the world, and that its
force must be duplicated. The American
estimates for next year are expected to
include appropriations for further dock
accommodation on the Pacific coast. At
present there are only two docks available
for large battleships—one at Mare Island,
and the other at Puget Sound, this last of
timber, and not very trustworthy. At
Manila there is the Dewey floating dock,
which will accommodate any ship smaller
than the new Delaware class. The sum of
\$900,000 appropriated by Congress to
contract with the Imperial Railway of
Japan for 15,000 tons of standard steel
rails, to be delivered as soon as possible.
Work will be begun on the order to-
morrow morning at the Edgar Thomson
plant here. The rails are to be of
seventy-two to ninety pounds in weight
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get another order for 20,000 tons from the
Japanese, but much depends on the speedy
delivery of the order now in hand.

Cynicism is only idealism turned in-
side out.—"T. A. Nickolin."

Good manners is the art of making
those people easy with whom we converse.
—Swift.

A GOOD LINIMENT.

WHEN you need a good reliable lin-
iment try Chamberlain's Pain Balm.
It has no superior for sprains and swell-
ings. A piece of flannel slightly dampened
with Pain Balm is superior to a plaster for
lame back or pains in the side or chest. It
also relieves rheumatic pains and makes
sleep and rest possible. For sale by all
chemists and store-keepers.

ST. ANDREW'S BALL.

A GAY FOREGATHERING.

It is superfluous to remark that last night's ball added another to the long list of successful functions which have been promoted by the enthusiastic Scotchmen in Hongkong on St. Andrew's Day, or the evening prior, as in this case. It is somewhat anomalous that all the world over Scotchmen should have the reputation of being "close-fisted" and yet on an occasion like St. Andrew's Day their hospitality is unbounded. It is not a question of cost with them on that evening, and the immense number of invitations sent out annually speaks volumes for their open-handedness. This year there were about 120 subscribers, and over 700 invitations were issued, most of them being "doubles." And the number present at the ball showed how eagerly these invitations were looked forward to. Many a fair maid spent a few uncomfortable hours as the time for the ball drew nigh and no invitation had been received, for owing to the great rain, the Honorary Secretary (Mr. Ronald G. Munro) had his work cut out to cope with the demand, and even on Friday morning he was kept busy, still issuing invitations, as late comers called on him. But all at last were sent and it seemed as if everybody had accepted. All classes of society were represented and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves, despite the fact that the over-crowded ball-rooms did not permit of much freedom while dancing, but few of the devotees of Topsy-turvy minded that.

Everyone present had a good word to say for the decorations, and rightly too, for there were several new departures this year which reflected credit on all responsible. What pleased the ladies most of all was the superabundance of the Gordon tartan, for who has forgotten the romantic story of the raising of the "Gay Gordon" in Aberdeen, when the wife of the fifth Duke stood in the street and kissed every recruit who professed his service under the Gordon flag? And the tartan was everywhere. It draped the dress circle in the theatre, which was utilized as a dining room; it graced the principal dining table on the stage, where it twined round bunches of heather; it hung round the drawings of the Fifth Duke of Gordon and Mr. Robert Shaw; and last, but by no means the least, a large number of ladies present wore Gordon sashes, the gift of the chieftain from Inverurie. The tartan is a pretty one, with its blue ground, deep green stripe and fine yellow stripe, so that it is small wonder that the fortunate possessors of the Gordon sashes were pleased with their treasure, and wore it to the best advantage. Most of the officials, too, sported the tartan, for all the members of the sub-committees wore a rosette of tartan, joined with a silver cross, and the members of the general committee had blue and white rosettes, pinned with a gold emblem of similar design. It was a proud night for the Gordons!

Now to the general scheme of decoration. Yearly we look forward to the decorations of St. Andrew's Ball and annually there is something new, but we venture to assert that seldom, if ever, have the embellishments of the hall, both exterior and interior, been on a higher scale than that reached this year. The brilliantly lighted St. Andrew's Cross which occupied a very prominent position in the centre of the outside of the hall, and the rampant lion, had a striking effect, but inside it was far better. The main staircase was well clothed with verdant foliage, and the huge mirror on the first landing reflected with clearness the enormous thistle picked out in red, green and white lights, and on either side of the mirror hung St. Andrew's flag, between which was another lion. Many persons wondered at the significance of the two dates—1847-1907—until it either dawned upon them or it was pointed out, that last night was the diamond jubilee of the formation of the St. Andrew's Society in Hongkong. Those who had spent many years in the Colony compared the functions of the past with that of last night, but none could go back sixty years and recollect what the function on St. Andrew's day was then like. Had they been able to do so what a change they would have seen!

Shields with lions or crosses emblazoned thereon were to be seen everywhere; blue and white electric lights peeped out from amid masses of foliage, broad swords and claymores of glistening brightness hung in peaceful array on the walls, and all around were evidences of the country whose patron saint was honoured. In St. Andrew's Hall the innovations reached the climax. Six charcoal drawings in silvered frames hung on the side walls, the most interesting of which—at least the one which attracted the most attention—was that of the Chieftain of the year, Mr. Robert Shaw. It was a life sized figure draped with tartan, and the artist (Mr. G. Duncan, of the Kowloon Docks) had captured the well-known expression of Mr. Shaw. All the other pictures were the work of the same artist, and the encomiums which were lavished upon them were indeed deserving. Mr. Duncan is an artist of no mean order and should preserve in the development of his undoubted gift. Opposite to Mr. Shaw was the Fifth Duke of Gordon, also draped with tartan. There were also pictures of Queen Mary, Bobbie Burns, John Knox, and Sir Walter Scott, all of whose names are linked in the history of Scotland.

The emblem of the Society occupied a prominent place at the end of the room, while another large cross covered most of the wall at the other end, picked out in white and blue lights. Above the portrait of the late Queen Victoria was the Gordon coat of arms, artistically draped with the

Union Jack and the cross of St. Andrew. Boxes of forms at intervals round the walls bore the names of prominent Scotchmen and clans. The MacIntyres, Sinclairs, Knoxes, Stewarts, Wallaces, Bruces, Scotts, Shaws, Burss, Mackays, Munros, MacLeans, Rosses, MacNells, Macdonalds, Grants, Gordons, Chisholms, Tannahills, Grahams, Camerons, Fergusons, Macleods, McLennans, etc., were not forgotten and there were others. Other shields displayed were the Royal Shield, Scottish coat-of-arms in the ante-room, and the Stewart coat-of-arms. To the decoration committee is due a great measure of praise for their efforts, but the bulk of it must go beyond doubt to Messrs G. Duncan and H. S. Wynne, without whom not one half would have been done. As the Honorary Secretary remarked to our representative "I don't know what we would have done without them!" and the President at the final meeting of the Committee acknowledged the invaluable services rendered by these two gentlemen. The table decorations were exceedingly neat, and the credit for this must be given to Mrs. Gordon, who took the place of Mrs. Shaw, as the latter lady was unable to attend at the ball owing to indisposition.

An "extra" value opened the ball and relieved the congestion in the ante-rooms and approaches to the ball rooms, as there was a fairly general exodus to the spacious verandahs after the first dance. Shortly after nine o'clock His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard and Lady Lugard arrived and were welcomed by Chieftain Robert Shaw and piped into the ball room by Mr. R. G. McEwen, to officially open the ball with the lanterns. For the first time in the history of the Society in Hongkong the official set was danced in St. Andrew's room but, shortly afterwards, most of the dancers found their way into St. George's Hall, attracted by the better floor. The official set was composed of His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard and Mrs. Chatham, Mr. R. Shaw and Lady Lugard, Colonel Darling and Mrs. May, Flag Captain Thursday and Mrs. Vaughan Lee, Hon. Mr. Chatham and Mrs. Kewick, Hon. Mr. Rees Davis and Mrs. Mackay, Hon. Mr. F. H. May and Mrs. Peter, Hon. Mr. Henry Kewick and Mrs. Scott-Moncrieff.

Dancing was entered into with vim and it was a pity that there was not more room available as the floor was almost invariably over-crowded, except, of course, in the Strathpey and Reel, which is a dance that few in the Colony usually attempt. However, even in this case there was quite a number to take the floor, the larger number being due to the excellent instruction given in the steps at the practice dances, when the figures were walked through in order to instruct those who were unable to master the intricacies of the figures.

Supper was laid out in the theatre and it was not until 11:30 that the doors were thrown open. The horse-shoe table on the stage, presided over by Mr. R. Shaw, was very tastefully arranged, and attracted general attention. Those present at the table reading from the right hand side of the stage were—Mr. C. H. Ross, Mrs. Cunningham, Sir Samuel Chisholm, Mrs. Layton, Flag Captain Thursday, Mrs. Chatham, Hon. Mr. H. Kewick, Mrs. Scott-Moncrieff, Colonel Darling, Mrs. May, Mr. T. F. Hough, Mrs. Atkinson, His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard and Mrs. Shaw, Mr. R. Shaw and Lady Lugard, Hon. Mr. Chatham, Mrs. Kewick, Mr. J. R. M. Smith, Lady Berkeley, Hon. Mr. F. H. May, Mrs. Peter, Mr. R. Mitchell, Lady Chisholm, Hon. Mr. Rees Davis, Mrs. Mackay, Sir Henry Berkeley, Mrs. Vaughan Lee, Mr. F. F. Mackay, Mrs. Seymour.

During the supper the Chieftain proposed the health of the King of Scotland, and also the pious memory of St. Andrew. In prefacing the toast of St. Andrew, Mr. Shaw said that saints were not much in favour with his countrymen, one of Scotland's ancient kings having bitterly complained of one that he was the sore saint for the Crown, but we honoured the name and kept the memory green of St. Andrew, because he once came to the help of Puir Auld Scotland when she was once in a tight corner and hard pressed. Addressing his brother Scots, he said that he belongs to a small and poor country, but yet a country which had gone far and done great things for the world. If you went to New York you were met by that statue of liberty enlightening the world with her lamp, but our American cousins should remember that long before America was known it was Scotland that had refused to submit to oppressions' yokes and pains, or to see her sons in servile chains, and that she, by William Wallace and Robert Bruce, had kept the flag of freedom flying, and that sacred lamp of liberty burning when the flag was drooping and the lamp extinguished in other places of the earth. It was Scotland that had given us the steam engine by the hands and brains of James Watt, and it was Scotland that had produced the greatest lyric poet and greatest song writer the world has ever seen in the person of Robert Burns, the poet of brotherly love, who taught us to look forward to the day, as come it will for a that, when man-to-man the world o'er shall brothers be for a that, and it was Scotland to whom we owe the wisard of the North, the great Sir Walter Scott. Many others could be mentioned, but only one he dared not pass by—the masterful and incorruptible John Knox. Scotchmen had reason to be proud of their country, and they were proud of her. Scotland broad always looked forward to rejoining to Woor Ah Fowk, but some of us, it may be, will return to Lochaber no more, and could only sadly repeat the beautiful lines of the emigrant's song:—
From the lone shieling on the misty island

Mountains divide us and a waste of seas
But still the blood is strong the heart is Highland
And we in dreams behold the Hebrides
Fair these broad speads; these heavy woods are grand

But we are exiles from our native land.
Silently and reverently he said in conclusion, we drink to the pious memory of our Patron Saint, and tenderly and lovingly we will think of all our brother Scots across the waste of seas.

The Chieftain's remarks were received with enthusiasm, which was redoubled as the telegrams of friendly greetings from Shanghai, Manila, Singapore, Yokohama, Penang, etc., were read.

The ceremonial entry of the haggis, carried by Lieut. Fraser and piped in by Mr. McEwen, was a feature of the evening and Mr. Duncan carried the quail round in stately fashion; several of the gentlemen who stood to drink therefrom received applause.

Towards midnight the attendance diminished somewhat and thereafter there was more room for dancing. It was after two before the last strains of "God Save the King" were played by the band of the Third Middlesex Regiment and the guests had departed.

Though all the committees worked well, it might perhaps be mentioned that the arrangements in the Ladies' rooms were spoken of very highly, being much better than in previous years.

The committee were as follows:—
GENERAL: Mr. R. Shaw (President), Hon. Mr. W. Chatham (Vice-President), Mr. J. R. M. Smith, Hon. Mr. Henry Kewick, Mr. R. Mitchell, Mr. A. S. Fraser, Mr. W. Armstrong, Mr. A. S. Fraser (Hon. Treasurer), and Mr. Ronald G. Munro (Hon. Secretary).

INVITATION: All the members of the General Committee, and in addition, Mr. D. R. Law, Mr. J. C. Peter, Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson, Mr. E. Ormiston and Lieut. Colonel W. Scott-Moncrieff.

CARD ROOM: Mr. P. S. Jameson (convenor), Mr. A. G. Gordon, Mr. G. G. S. Forsyth, Mr. J. F. Macgregor and Mr. A. Cunningham.

LADIES' ROOM: Hon. Mr. Chatham and Dr. H. Ainslie.

DANCING AND MUSIC: Mr. C. H. Ross (convenor), Mr. W. Armstrong, Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. A. Sinclair, Mr. W. L. Carter, Lieut. A. N. Fraser and T. Skinner.

SUBSCRIPTION: Mr. T. Skinner (convenor), Mr. J. D. Logan, Mr. A. Sinclair, Mr. A. Rodger, Mr. R. Mitchell, Mr. J. Blake, Mr. P. S. Jameson and the Honorary secretary.

DECORATION: Mr. J. Gray Scott (convenor), Mr. G. Duncan, Mr. H. S. Wynne, Mr. J. R. Rodger, Mr. T. C. Gray, Mr. J. I. Andrew, Captain A. Milroy, Mr. G. Marshall, Mr. R. Mitchell, Mr. G. Grant, Mr. D. Templeton, Mr. A. Ritchie, Mr. W. H. Donald, Mr. J. Walker and Mr. O. D. Thomson.

SUPPER AND WINES: Mr. R. Henderson (convenor), Mr. H. M. Bain, Mr. A. T. Walker, Mr. J. Patterson, Mr. W. D. Brindwood, Mr. E. F. Mackay, Mr. Duncan Clark, Mr. G. L. Duncan, Mr. A. Forbes, Mr. T. S. Forrest, Mr. Donald MacDonald, Mr. W. D. Graham, Mr. J. D. Logan, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, Mr. F. Matfield, Mr. J. D. Auld, Mr. A. C. More, Mr. A. Rodger and Mr. J. Coulthart.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY.

Many people expressed surprise at seeing the city streets decorated to-day, quite forgetting the fact that this is actually St. Andrew's Day. Good Scotch firms had their buildings gay with flags, and tartan ties and button-holes of heather were to be seen on all sides.

THE FOREIGNER IN JAPAN.

Strange Incident at Kobe.

At nine o'clock yesterday morning, says the "Japan Chronicle" of Nov. 29, twenty-six Customs officials suddenly appeared at the offices of Messrs. Simon Evans and Co., 101 Yedo-machi, Kobe, and having posted sentries at the doors to prevent anyone entering or leaving the buildings, the official in charge announced his desire to make a search of the premises, though the object of the search was not stated.

The manager of the firm, Mr. F. Lidecke, at once agreed to permit the search being made, but expressed a wish to first communicate with the German Consul. This, however, the Customs official would not allow, whereupon Mr. Lidecke, requested him to make an entry upon the protocol to the effect that communication with the consul had been refused. After some consideration the Customs officer gave way, and a message was sent by telephone to Mr. F. Thiel, the German Consul. After satisfactory explanations as to the object of the examination had been received from the Customs authorities the search was proceeded with.

For about three hours business in Messrs. Simon Evans's offices was entirely suspended, and the staff were enjoined to keep strict silence, being also closely watched to see that they hold no communication with each other. On the conclusion of the search, the Customs officials took away with them certain books and documents for further investigation. We learn on inquiry that whatever may have been the object of this unexpected visit by the Customs authorities, any suspicion of malpractice which may be entertained will, on investigation, be found to be entirely without ground, and in a few days the matter will be cleared up to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Women are worshippers of success—that has been in their nature since they were the prizes of conquest.—Guy Fleming.

HOME SPORTING.

OUR SPECIAL LETTER.

LONDON, October 25.

LAWN TENNIS.—As there is a possibility of R. F. Doherty assisting his brother "H. L." and S. H. Smith in an attempt to regain the Davis Cup, it is pleasing to chronicle his good form at the recent London Covered Court Championships. He shines in doubles and his ability was the primary cause of his and his partner's victories in the Gentlemen's and Mixed Doubles. H. L. Doherty is keeping in form on the Golf links and shipping well. To return to the Covered Court Tournament at Queen's Club, the honours in the open singles went to France, Max Decugis beating M. J. G. Ritchie in the final by three sets to nil. Decugis is a brilliant player on wood and his success is well deserved.

ATHLETICS.—Most followers of athletics and cycling are aware that there is a big probability of the dispute between the two bodies governing the sports named, leading to a rupture. At present they have a working agreement which is that cycling shall be under N.C.U. rules and foot-racing and other athletic sports under A.A.A. laws. This is clear enough and the present trouble has come about through meetings being promoted at which cycling and professional football racing has taken place. According to the present agreement no foot-racing may take place except it be under the A.A.A. rules and up to this point the latter has right on its side. On the other hand the A.A.A. does not pretend to govern professional running and the present attitude shows that it is even anxious to stifle it. This policy will not commend itself to many sportsmen, who naturally say—"If you won't help professionalism (which will purify amateur ranks) at least don't interfere with anybody which goes show a desire to foster it." It would seem that the time has come when the N.C.U. should seek to alter the agreement with the A.A.A., so that it shall only apply to amateur foot-racing and amateur athletic sports. It is certainly a strange policy on the part of the A.A.A. to trouble about professional foot-racing when it lays no claims to govern that branch of athletics.

The unfortunate part of the dispute is that it may lead to complications on the eve of the Olympic Festival. The A.A.A. is alright so far as England is concerned, but the N.C.U. has alliances with governing bodies on the Continent and this fact will have a big bearing on the issue should it come to war. That it will be a good thing for honest athletics if it comes to a fight and the N.C.U. promote mixed meeting—foot-racing and cycling, for both amateurs and professionals—the writer feels sure. The A.A.A. shows no inclination to bring about a better state of amateurism by the only possible method, viz., providing an outlet for those who cannot afford to be real amateurs. Everyone hopes that some way out of the difficulty will be found, so that there will be no note of discord in connection with the Olympic Festival.

A ROWING QUERIES.—Mention of the Olympic Games leads up to a capital suggestion which Mr. F. Beddington, a keen follower of rowing, has made. He points out that the Belgians have twice won the Challenge Cup at Henley, the second time against what was virtually a crew composed of the cream of amateur rowing circles. His proposal is to get together a really national eight to meet all comers at the Olympic Festival. The absurd definition of an amateur as laid down by the Amateur Rowing Association and which debars any oarsman who has engaged in manual labour for a living, narrows the field of selection. Our chances of coming out on top are not too good if only Amateur Rowing Association men are depended on. The National Rowing Association and the Coast Rowing Association (both amateur bodies) contain some good material and possibly superior to the crews who have never soiled their hands with honest toil, which is considered a crime by the A.A.A. We do know that innovations are not despised by the National and Coast oarsmen, some of whom are believers in the long slide, swivel rockers, and wide blades oars, which enabled the Belgians to beat Leicester and the Pennsylvania crew of youths to almost win against Leicester (the pick of the A.A.A. world) even though the American collegians had the worst start.

Time passes quickly and it is during the winter months that some policy should be decided upon. The writer would like to see three or four crews picked and each to try different methods. Our short slide and long body swing is a frightful strain on the men and our victories in the past have been due to the very great superiority of our crews, who triumphed in spite of the handicap imposed by a bad style.

Boxing.—Young Joseph, of Aldgate, greatly pleased his friends by the manner he outpointed Jack Goldswain at Wondersland this week. Now the latter won the light weight championship of England from Jabez White two years back and though Joseph's win does not entitle him to the honour it gives him just claims to challenge for it. Anyway he has issued a cartel offering to meet anyone in England within 10 days 2 lbs. Goldswain did not show his old form but he may possibly recover it, now that he has met with this reverse.

The N.S.C. programme on Monday included some tit-bits, of which the Guilely Watson's Pot Killean fifteen rounds got deserves special mention. The former won on points but the latter was quite as good as the winner in the opinion of many, while his fair tactics gained him many friends. Corpl. Sunshine and E. Dickson had a hard hitting bout for nearly three rounds when the latter, who had slightly the best of it otherwise, was knocked out.

It is hoped that the accident to the train which was carrying Tommy Burns towards New York, en route for England, will not lead to a postponement of his match with Gunner Moir. Fortunately the injuries to the Canadian are only slight so perhaps the looked for treat will not be delayed.

CYCLING.—This year has again served to show what a wonder Ellegard of Denmark is. The outdoor season in Paris was concluded with the famous Grand Prix de I. W. V. F., which the Dane won from the cream of Continental Pros, only Poulsen, of the real top-notchers, being absent. Ellegard beat Mayer and Rutt in the final and the beaten riders included Deroissour, who was making his debut as a professional. The holder of the world's amateur championship rode very well in his first race for money, for only Mayer beat him in his heat, and he was again second in the heat for beaten men. It may be added that Ellegard is the first rider to score twice in this important event, which in the past has gone to the great Arthur Zimmerman, George Banker of America, Tomasselli of Italy, Mayor of Germany, and Morin and Poulain among Frenchmen, the other winners being lesser lights.

A big race for amateurs—the "Dubonnet Cup"—was also decided but the English riders (J. Matthews and E. H. Croser) failed to reach the final, in which De-manger won from Marechal and Auffray.

SHARE REPORT.

In their weekly share report, dated 29th November, Messrs. Vernon and Smyth state:—

There is but little change to report in the general condition of our market during the past week. A fair investment business has been done in Banks and China Fires for which there is still an unsatisfied demand, but otherwise little has been done, and rates are without material change. Exchange on London has fallen to 2/0 1/2 T. T., the closing rate on Shanghai is 7 1/2 T. T.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai have improved in London to 276 and 274 1/2 lbs. for the old and new issues respectively, and a fair business has been done locally at 2650 and 2655, the old shares continuing in demand, whilst of the new a few small lots are probably still obtainable at the rate. Nationals are unchanged and without business at 251.

Marine Insurance.—Unions have been booked at 2780 and more shares can probably be placed. China Traders continue in request at 290, and North Chinas at 285. Yangtszes have fallen in the North to 2100, which quotation we follow, and Cantons are still on offer at 2250.

Fire Insurance.—Hongkong have again been done at 2320 at which the market is firm. Chinas have been booked at 288 and can now be placed at 289.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have ruled slightly easier with sales at 230 and 22 1/2, the market closing quiet with probable small sellers at 230. Indo-China, China and Mailing and Douglases are unchanged. Shell Transports have been booked at the improved rate of 41s. and are still in request. Star Ferries continue to be required for at 221 and 211 for the old and new issues respectively.

Refineries.—China Sugars are obtainable at 2100, but business at the rate does not seem practicable. Luzons are required for in a small way at 210.

Mining.—Rauhs have hardened and are in request at 28 1/2. Charbonnages are still required for at 2470.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks continue on offer at 239, and Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves at 267. New Amoy Docks are unchanged with sellers at 210. Shanghai Docks, after sales at 21s. 71 and 21s. 72, are again firmer in the North, where they are wanted at 21s. 74. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves are slightly easier at 21s. 199.

Land, Hotels, and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands and Kowloon Lands are unchanged at 295 and 236 respectively with sellers. There is a small enquiry for West Points at 248. Hongkong Hotels are still required for at 2100, after sales at the rate. Humphreys Estates have been done at 210 1/2 and more shares are procurable. Shanghai Lands are unaltered at 21s. 100.

Cotton Mills.—We have heard of no business in this section, and quotations are unchanged.

Miscellaneous.—China Borneos have again been done at 210 1/2 cash, and at 211 for December delivery. China Providents have declined to 20 with sellers, and Green Island Cements to 21 1/2 sellers. A small parcel of Fenwicks has been booked at the reduced rate of 214. China Light and Powers are procurable at 25, and Watsons at the reduced rate of 210 1/2. Langkats have improved in the North to 21s. 350.

There is an old story of a boy being discovered throwing stones at a road, and exclaiming as he did so, "I'll learn ye to be a toad." This appears to be on a level with Father Vaughan's recent endeavour to make the Smart Set smart.—London Opinion.

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WARSHIP'S DAMAGED SCREW.

Mystery of Marine Construction.

PLYMOUTH, Oct. 30.

The discovery that one of the blades of the starboard twin screw of the battleship Caesar was broken off has given rise to some interesting conclusions on the subject of propeller efficiency. The mishap only came to light on the vessel being docked at Devonport the other day, but, from an examination of the boss, it seems that the mishap is by no means recent. The main engines have undoubtedly been run since the breakage happened, yet nothing in the action of the machinery gave any indication of it. This incident recalls the experience of the battleship Renown, which made a record passage from Bermuda to Devonport at an average speed of more than fifteen knots.

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Section.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the Market.
5. From The Market to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

Section.

7. From Naval Yard to Blue Building.
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
9. From Kellet's Island to North Point.
10. Kowloon Wharves.
11. Jardine's Wharf.

VESSELS' NAMES.	Anchor	CAPTAIN.	FLAG AND REG.	TONS NETT.	DATE OF ARRIVAL	CONSIGNEES OR AGENTS.	DESTINATION.	REMARKS.
Steamers.								
Achilles	5 c	Thompson	British str.	4483	Nov. 27	Butterfield & Swire	Seigon & London	Dec. 1.
Atholl	3 c	Kemp	British str.	3031	Nov. 30	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Spore & New York	Dec. 4.
Barkston	3 c	Seaborne	British str.	2769	Nov. 16	Order	.....	K'loon Dock
Bourbon	3 c	Bail	French str.	997	Nov. 20	Bradley & Co.	.....	.....
Catherine Apear	4 c	Thomas	British str.	1730	Nov. 25	David Sassoon & Co., Ltd.	Spore, Pang & C'ta	Dec. 3.
Chow Tai	4 c	Mollermann	Ger. str.	1115	Nov. 2	Butterfield & Swire	.....	.....
Coquet	3 c	Walker	British str.	2685	Nov. 19	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	.....	.....
Cyclops	5 c	Bulford	British str.	5747	Nov. 28	Butterfield & Swire	Japan, Seattle, &c.	Nov. 30.
Diomed	5 c	Torrible	British str.	3006	Nov. 30	Butterfield & Swire	.....	.....
Empress of China	4 c	Archibald	British str.	9'39	Nov. 19	C. P. R. Co.	Vancouver (B.C.)	Dec. 19.
Feiching	3 c	Gillespie	Chinese str.	984	Nov. 24	C. M. S. N. Co.	.....	.....
Forest Dale	9 c	Noall	British str.	2450	Nov. 12	Butterfield & Swire	.....	.....
Hailan	3 c	Andersen	French str.	377	Nov. 30	A. R. Marty	.....	.....
Hunan	3 c	Puckett	British str.	1142	Nov. 27	Butterfield & Swire	Ningpo	Dec. 1.
Jacob Diederichsen	3 c	Hansen	Ger. str.	622	Nov. 30	Jessen & Co.	Pakhoi	Dec. 1.
Joshin Maru	3 c	Smith	Japan. str.	702	Nov. 29	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	S'ow, Amoy, Tamsui	Dec. 1.
Kiev	3 c	Oranovsky	Russian s.s.	3127	Nov. 22	Molchers & Co.	.....	K'loon Dock
Kutsang	4 c	Bradley	British str.	3110	Nov. 27	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai & Japan	Dec. 2.
Kwang Lee	2 h	Lincoln	Chi. str.	1538	Nov. 27	C. M. S. N. Co.	.....	.....
Kweiyang	3 c	Dowson	British str.	1062	Nov. 10	Butterfield & Swire	Shanghai	Dec. 1.
Loosok	3 c	Scholtzen	Jer. str.	1430	Nov. 22	Butterfield & Swire	.....	.....
Mercedes	4 c	McGregor	British str.	3'00	Sept. 21	Admiralty	.....	.....
M. S. Dollar	8 c	Cross	British str.	2674	Nov. 16	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	.....	.....
Nippon Maru	3 c	Filmer	Japan. str.	3442	Nov. 27	Foyo Kisen Kaisha	S'hai & San F'elso	Dec. 7.
Pheumneh	3 c	Scott	British str.	1069	Nov. 14	Chinese	Seigon	Nov. 30.
Prinz Sigismund	3 c	Lenz	Jer. str.	3302	Nov. 18	Melchers & Co.	Manila & Sydney	Dec. 5.
Progress	3 c	Schewig	Norw. str.	1671	Nov. 19	Wallem & Co.	.....	Adeen Dock.
Pr metheus	3 c	Kornelinsen	Norw. str.	1023	Nov. 28	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Swatow & Bangkok	Dec. 2.
Pronto	8 c	Seeberg	Norw. str.	888	Nov. 11	Wallem & Co.	.....	.....
Rajaburi	3 c	Bremer	Ger. str.	1085	Nov. 28	Butterfield & Swire	.....	.....
Shaoxing	3 c	McIntosh	British str.	1307	Nov. 30	Butterfield & Swire	.....	.....
Singan	3 c	Jamieson	British str.	1046	Nov. 29	Butterfield & Swire	Hoihow & Pakhoi	Dec. 1.
Solstad	3 c	Thorsen	Norw. str.	879	Nov. 4	Aagaard, Thorsen & Co.	.....	.....
Sungkiang	4 c	Pennefather	British str.	987	Nov. 29	Butterfield & Swire	Amoy & Manila	Dec. 1.
Taiwan	3 c	Martin	British str.	1042	Nov. 28	Chinese	.....	.....
Takasaki Maru	3 c	Mocker	Japan. str.	2843	Nov. 29	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	S'hai & Kobe	Dec. 1.
Tean	4 c	Tomerville	British str.	1345	Nov. 22	Butterfield & Swire	Manila	Dec. 3.
Triumph	3 c	Bendixen	Ger. str.	675	Nov. 25	Jessen & Co.	.....	.....
Vorwarts	3 c	Frandsen	Ger. str.	683	Nov. 29	Jessen & Co.	.....	.....
Woolwich	3 c	Stoker	British str.	1845	Nov. 13	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	.....	.....
Yedo Maru	8 c	Hori	Japan. str.	3225	Nov. 29	Wallem & Co.	.....	.....
Yesan Maru	9 c	Nagatsu	Japan. str.	1840	Nov. 29	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	K'loon Dock
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Lawhill	2 c	Jarvis	B. 4-m. bk.	1950	Oct. 10	Standard Oil Co.

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